

### **AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

Please amend the claims as follows. This listing of the claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

#### **Listing of Claims:**

1. (cancelled)

2. (cancelled)

3. (cancelled)

4. (cancelled)

5. (cancelled)

6. (cancelled)

7. (original) A communication apparatus comprising:

transmitting means for transmitting a signal to supply a clock and power to at least one other different communication apparatus;

receiving means for receiving information from the at least one other different communication apparatus;

determining means for determining whether or not said receiving means has received the same information a plurality of times; and

outputting means for outputting the information received a plurality of times according to a determination result of said determining means.

8. (original) A communication apparatus according to claim 7, wherein said transmitting means transmits a transmission instruction of the information to the at least one other different communication apparatus, and transmits the transmission instruction again according to a determination result of said determining means.

9. (original) A communication apparatus according to claim 7, wherein the information comprises information for identifying the at least one other different communication apparatus.

10. (cancelled)

11. (cancelled)

12. (cancelled)

13. (cancelled)

14. (cancelled)

15. (cancelled)

16. (original) A communication method comprising:

a transmitting step of transmitting a signal to supply a clock and power to at least one other different communication apparatus;

a receiving step of receiving information from the at least one other different communication apparatus;

a determining step of determining whether or not the same information has been received a plurality of times in said receiving step; and

an outputting step of outputting the information received a plurality of times according to a determination result obtained in said determining step.

17. (original) A communication method according to claim 16, wherein said transmitting step transmits a transmission instruction of the information to the at least one other communication apparatus, and transmits the transmission instruction again according to a determination of said determining step.

18. (original) A communication method according to claim 16, wherein the information comprises information for identifying the at least one other different communication apparatus.